

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application. The specification and claims are being amended herein to place the application into a better form for examination. No new matter is being introduced by this amendment.

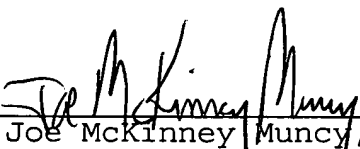
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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